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She May Come To An Understanding.

France Has Grabbed Territory at Tien-tsin--Large Bills for Individual Damages.

NEW YORK, Nov. 27.-A cable to the Sun from Peking says: Reports TURKEY AFRAID OF received here from Singan Fu are again encouraging. All are to the effect that the Empress Dowager is at last realizing the seriousness of the situation and is becoming frightened. These

advices are believed to be reliable. Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have for a long time been between two fires. It was to their interest to impress the Empress Dowager with the seriousness of the situation, while at the same time they strove to obtain a modification of the demands of the powers. Chinese official advices are to the effeet that they sent many notes to the court, and that lately their informaion was calculated to frighten the Empress Dowager.

Among other things they said the powers were angry because of the coninued absence of the court from Peking and were discussing the question of upsetting the present dynasty and establishing a new one. They also KATSUNUMA.-Office, Club Sta- the Viceroy of Nankin and demanded why he was sending tribute to Singan-The Admirals informed the Vice-

roy that this must stop and further-more they had the Viceroy telegraph to the same effect. Advices from the same official source are to the effect perhaps two others and to banish for cance.

France has grabbed territory there Porte for the settlement of the mis- the cruisers. three times as large as the present sionary claims and the question as to oncession. They have posted a notice Dr. Norton's exequateur as consul at struction of the eleven big vessels has of permanent jurisdiction, and declare Harpoot, are progressing with indicathat all transfers of property within tions that a compromise will be arthe seized area since June 6th are ille- ranged. gal. The Americans have complained WASHINGTON, Nov. 28.-Ali Feragainst the seizure and Minister Con- rouh Bey, the Turkish minister here. ger is investigating the matter. The called on Secretary Hay today relative grab is similar to that recently made to the vicit of the big battleship Ken-

damages that will be presented to Chi- port of Smyrna this morning, only a na may be gathered from the claims few hours before the minister's visit. now being filed at the legations. The After his talk with Secretary Hay claims of the Americans already reach the minister declared the Kentucky's the approximate sum of \$300,000. This visit conveyed no menace, and had no is the amount asked for by thirty bearing upon the diplomatic relations claimants, nearly all of whom are mis- between the Turkish government and sionaries. Of course, if the claims are he United States. He asserted with accurate it will be seen that prior to great positiveness that the Sultan the siege of Peking the missionary herished the kindliest feelings toward was not bad off so far as this world's President McKinley, and that the relagoods are concerned. Claims are still jons were most amicable. being filed.

Prince Ching, one of the Chinese plenipotentiaries, has sent a note to the American legation thanking the Americans for establishing sonp kitch-ens in their district for the benefit of poor Chinese,

### TUNG IS MASTER.

LONDON, Nov. 24.—Special dispatches from Shanghai describe the situation at Sian Fu. General Tung Fu Hsiang's troops hold the city. The personal bodyguard of the Emperor personal bodyguard of the Emperor and Empress Dowager consists of only Big Ship Reached 150 men. General Tung enters the sacred precints at will, salutes the imperials with scant courtesy, and alnost with insolence, and declares his intention of emulating the notorious Wang Mang, who, during the Hang dynasty, prevented the court from coming to terms with the enemy and finally murdered the Emperor and usurped the throne.

According to the same dispatches the only hope for the court is in Gen-eral Ma, who has 5,000 troops outside of Sian Fu and has a blood feud with General Tung Fu Hslang, who mur-

dered Ma's cousin. A terrible famine exists in the province of Shen Si and the government

### granaries are empty. PERILS OF THE RAIL Cleveland Night Express Buns Into a Washout.

BEAVER, Pa., Nov. 28.-The Cleveland night express leaving Pittsburg at midnight on the Cleveland & Pittsburg road, ran into a washout half a mile west of Beaver, Pa., at 1 o'clock this morning and the locomotive, mail, baggage and express cars jumped from the tracks and plunged into the Ohio NOTON, Nov. 22.-Advices river. The three day coaches and

experience of the horse though derailed, and the forty-one anaw in a terrific ty-passengers escaped with slight bruises bush which she passed. The M. S. Casey, of Cleveland, the exhe mules and fourteen press messenger, was unable to escape a reported otherwise in and was drowned in his car, which is below the surface of the river. Injur-

> Albert Coughenour, of Cleveland engineer, one foot cut off.

#### Frank Connell, conductor, bruised and scratched, but not seriously. John Taylor, Allegheny, Pa., Pullman porter, slightly cut and bruised. Baggagemaster Allen, slightly hurt.

The passengers were taken back to Beaver, and at 4 o'clock were trans-ferred to another train for Cleveland. The clearing of the tracks did not take many hours, but it may be several days until the flood recedes before the submerged cars are recovered. A large quantity of business mail was in the mail car, and considerable valuable and perishable matter in the express car. The total loss will amount to a large sum.

### Growth of Navies.

Emperor William has sent to Reichstag charts, maps and statistics showing the growth of the Russian, British, French and United States Navies, and also their strength in Far Sixty-six Million Dollars to be Laid Eastern waters. In view of this same the members of the Reichstag fear that another bill to increase the strength of the Germany Navy is coming.

Visit at the Port of Smyrna.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-Cable adtucky to Smyrna should be regarded equipment and stores of the vessels belations with the United States, and vice. even went so far as to threaten war safe in taking a defiant attftude.

It is reported from Tien Tsin that charge at Constantinopie, and the hattleships and 4,000,000 in the case of

by Russia, and is a gross violation of tucky to Turkish waters. The Kentucky sailed from Naples last Saturday Some idea of the bill for individual and arrived at the important Turkish

Representative Burton of Ohio, chair-

Planned.

Out on New Marine Construction.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-Eleven arnored ships to cost about \$66,000,000 when finished are attracting shipbuild-THE KENTUCKY ing experts to the Navy Department this week, says a Tribune special from Washington. They will make a final Ministry Considers Battleship's study of the plans and specifications to win the great competition eleven days hence, when the bids will be opened for perhaps the largest construction contracts ever undertaken at a single time by the Government.

The amount at stake at noon on Deices say the Vienna Tageblatt pub- cember 7, according to the Congresishes a dispatch from Constantinople ional appropriation, for hulls and mato the effect that the Turkish council chinery alone will aggregate \$42,000,000 of ministers have held a conference to and within this sum the bids will be determine whether or not the sending confined, the remaining \$24,000,000 re-of the United States battleship Ken-quired to furnish the guns, armor, as an act of hostility. According to ing reserved by the Navy Department the Tageblatt's despatch some minister for expenditure after the vessels are urged the severance of diplomatic re- launched and nearly ready for ser-

in powers would not permit the authorizing these ships and by the de-

The probable distribution of the con- peror. become very interesting in view of an interpretation of the two acts of Congress by Judge Advocate General Lemly of the navy. He finds that the Pacific coast, under the two acts, can secure three battleships and one cruiser. or three cruisers and one battleship That coast is entitled to not more than four vessels, being limited to two under each act. The remaining seven vessels must be built on the Atlantic. Each one imposes additional restrictions to to the number of vessels which may be built by one contracting party, and in this particular, according to Capt. Lemly's findings, a single bidder on the Atlantic may secure as a maximum four battleships and two cruisers, or four cruisers and two battleships, making in all six vessels, but no bidder can secure three of one type and three of another, or five of one

their bids appear to entitle them to more than that number, the Secretary of the Navy will submit the matter to the Attorney General for decision and if this goes against them the builders of the Oregon will appeal to Congress to place them on an equality with their Eastern competitors.

#### Latest Sugar Prices.

NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-Sugar-Raw steady; fair refining, 3%c; centrifugal Armored Ships 96 test, 4%c; molasses sugar, 3%c. Refined, steady; crushed, 6.00c; powdered, 5.70c; granulated, 5.60c.

#### Baron to Wed Kentucky Belle.

LONDON, Nov. 28.-Baron Speck von Sternberg, the German First Secretary of the Embassy at Washington, recently promoted to Consul for Germany at Calcutta, has written to United States Ambassador Choate asking him to procure a special license for his marriage to Miss Lillian May Langham, a niece of Arthur Langham of Louisville, Ky. to whom he will be married as soon as he arrives in this city.

## THE CZAR SAT IN DRAUGHT

Caught Cold and Various Com- British barbarity in Orange River colplications Followed-Now Better.

LIVADIA, European Russia, Nov. 28. The following bulletin was issued today by the Czar's physicians:

"The Emperor passed a good day yesterday. He slept an hour and a half. At 9 in the evening his temperature was 98.2; pulse, 68. He slept fairly well Colony and calling for vigor last night. This morning His Majesty's by the British Government. condition and strength are satisfactory. His temperature this morning was 96.4: pulse, 68."

ST. PETERSBURG, Nov. 28.-While unless the Kentucky should be withestablishing a new one. They also drawn from Turkish waters. The wording of the two appropriation acts man and French Admirals had visited to south Africa of reinforcing drafts esty's condition, a physician in court United States to attack Turkey, and lay in signing the two classes of cruisthat the country, therefore, would be ers and battleships, of which the de- there had been pectoral complications partment took advantage in stipulating from the beginning which, he added. Inquiry at the State Department and The act of March 3, 1899, provided for early stages of his sickness. He fur-Navy Department today as to the Ken-three bargeships and three armored ther asserted that the illness of the tucky's mission, elicited the simple cruisers and the act of June 7, 1906, Czar was in the first instance caused that the Empress Dowager is now statement that the visit of the battle-willing to behead Tung Fu Hsiang and ship to Smyrna had no hostile signifi-armored cruisers, each class under both armored cruisers, each class under both open window and an open door dictatacts being identical and the limit of ing, and that Baron von Fredericks, the Meanwhile, it is understood the ne- cost for hulls and machinery for each aide de-camp General and Minister of gotiations between Mr. Griscom, our vessel being 3,600,000 in the case of the Imperial household, had been greatly blamed because he was present and did not remonstrate with the Em-

### THE ENGLISH CHURCH.

#### Peace Negotiations Between High and Low Churchmen. NEW YORK, Nov. 28.-The proceed-

ings of the round table conference summoned by the Bishop of London for the discussion of burning questions agitating the English church, have been published in an authentic form, says the Tribune's London correspondent. The nearest approach to a compromise was the offer of Lord Halifax and Canon Gore to accept the first prayer book of Edward VI as an alternative in the communion service, and to dissolve the English church union, a high church body which has excited the hostility of low churchmen. The impression is strengthened that the only effective peace confernan of the River and Harbor Commit-The Scotts of San Francisco declare ence will be an enlarged convocation

# MAY RISE

Alarmist News From South Africa.

England Thinks the Story Exaggerated But Does Not Take a Roseate View.

LONDON, Nov. 28.-The Daily Mail publishes this morning the following

alarmist dispatch from Cape Town: "The anti-British feeling in Cape Colony is assuming dangerous proportions, owing to false stories spread of ony and the Transvaal. Levalists fear that the Dutch congress next week will be the signal for a rising and they demand that martial law be proclaimed throughout the colony. The situation is declared to be graver than at any previous time during the war." Referring editorially to its Cape Town advices, the Daily Mail adopts a most serious tone, asserting that the

anti-British movement is accentuated

by the withdrawal of troops from Cape

Colony and calling for vigorous action LONDON, Nov. 28 .- While the reports of the condition of Cape Colony are regarded as somewhat unnecessarily alarmist, there is little disposition and the daily fights at points wide apart show the war is not over and, while the statement that Lord Roberts has demanded 20,000 fresh troops is incorrect, it is a fact that he has asked for 8,000 men to replace the battalion trength where wastage incapacitates hem from duty at the front. These reliefs will be despatched, but they will eriously attenuate the garrisons of the United Kingdom, inasmuch as Lord Roberts insists the troops shall be picked men and have seasoned officers.

## KRUEGER APPEALS TO THE POWERS

He Wants Arbitration and Gets Some Slight Encouragement.

LONDON, Nov. 28 .- The Vienna correspondent of the Daily Chronicle says he hears that President Krueger has petitioned the powers for arbitraton under The Hague convention; that two powers acceded to his request, but all the others rejected the petition.

KRUEGER SOUNDS FRANCE. PARIS, Nov. 28.-The conversation

which former President Krueger had with the French Minister of Foreign Affairs, M. Delcasse, yesterday was confined to the former sounding the latter as to the probable attitude of France in certain eventualities. Mr. Krueger did not press for a definite statement and the conversation lacked preciseness. M. Delcasse let it be understood that France had not changed her attitude since he explained the Government's position in the Chamber of Deputies last March. France will not take the initiative in intervention in South Africa, but will not discourage any other country from so doing. On the contrary, she will join in such initiative aken under such conditions as appear o her to merit acquiescence.

Mr. Krueger did not intimate what he intended to do, but it is believed he will take the official diplomatic step at The Hague. It is not known whether he will ask Holland to propose mediation or open other and less clearly defined ne-

gotiations. Mr. Krueger today drove to the School of Fine Arts to inspect the plaster model of the monument to be erected to the memory of Col. Deville Bois-Mareuil, the French officer who died in South Africa fighting for the Boers. He was received by Col. De Ville Bois-Mareuil's brother. A number of artists and literary people and students were present. Mr. Krueger eulogized Col. De Ville Bois-Mareuil and his comrades, whose devoted heroism be said "recalled the chivalrous knights of the middle ages.

Mr. Krueger then proceeded to view the Pantheon but was too fatigued to enter. He was heartly cheered everywhere along the road.

OOM PAUL MAY COME. NEW YORK, Nov. 28 .- Michael Davtt cables from Paris to the Evening Journal today that Mr. Krueger, replying to the question if he had any in-

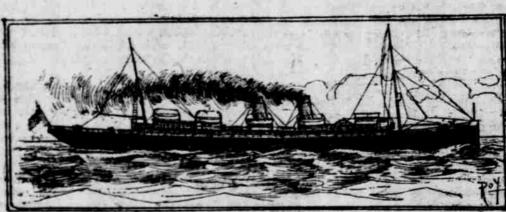
tention of making his future home in the United States, said:
"I never contemplated going to Amer-ica to live, although I have received several pressing invitations to ou so. "I am seriously considering, however, a short visit to the United States.
"The severe hardships of winter travel would not deter me, old as I am, if

were sure I could accomplish any good for my oppressed country." Mr. Davitt adds that it is almost certain that Mr. Krueger will not America, and that the entire Cabinet of the South African Republic opposes the idea, the unanimous opinion being that

the McKinley administration will do nothing whatever for the Boer cause. Every move made by the Washington Government in connection with China is denounced by the London Times.

# THE SIERRA AN OCEAN MARVE

# Port--She Wins All Sorts of Praise.



FTER A VOYAGE of over 14,000 miles the Oceanic Company's new steamer Sierra reached port at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning from Philadelphia and docked at Pacific street whart. For the remainder of the day the fine steamer was open to inspection and was visited by many persons, including numerous men prominent in financial and shipping circles. Claus Spreckels was one of the first to inspect the Sierra after the vessel docked. In the afternoon a party of business men was shown over the steamer by John D. Spreckels, head of the Oceanic Company. The elegance of the Sierra's furnishings, and the modern methods which have been observed in her construction were apparent to everybody who went aboard. It was the opinion of some of the most traveled of the visitors that the new steamer far outclassed any other passerger craft operating in the Pacific, and that in many respects her accommodations were not behind those of the best Atlantic liners. Not only is commoflousness a feature of the new vessel, but in convenience of arrangement throughout the Sierra was a revelation to

There are accommodations for 238 first-class passengers on the Sieria, in addition to 80 second-class and 84 The dining saloon is on th upper deck, and can accommodate 150 persons at one sitting. The diningroom for second-class passengers, situated on the main deck, will accommodate seventy-five persons, and like the second-class staterooms, shows an almost lavish expenditure in the furnishings. There are sixty-five staterooms on the upper deck, and two bridal staterooms on the hurricane deck, where also are the rooms of the deck officers, as well as the large social hall. The hall is finished in mahogany, with green plush upholstery and green carpet. The smoking-room aft on the hurricare deck is large, and furnished in buff leather. There are ten first-class bathrooms, with porcelain tubs and marbl walls, ceiling and tiling and two independent showers in marble inclosures.

rooms, with porcelain tubs and marbl walls, celling and tiling and two independent showers in marble inclosures. There are fine porcelain tubs in the second-class bathrooms, and on the upper deck is a finely appointed barber shop. An innovation throughout the passenger quarters is the cellings, which are finished in burlap and canvas, toned in colors to suit the furnishings. The entire ship can be ventilated by forced draught whenever necessary. Captain H. C. Houdlette, former y of the steamers Australia and Mariposa, is in command of the Sierra. The other principal officers are: Chief Offi er, J. H. Trask; purser, N. C. Walton; chief steward, W. N. Hannigan; chief engineer, W. H. Nieman; surgeon, Dr. Soule. All are well known and popular officers of the Oceanic Company, who have been running out of this por for years. They speak in praise of the seaworthiness of the Sierra. The steamer left Philadelphia, where she was built by the Cramps shipbuilding firm, on October 11th, and Cape Henlopen on the following day. The steamer was detained over thirteen hours off Cape Virgin, at Sandy point, in the straits fourteen hours and off Coronel one day and fifteen hours, the total detention being 2 days 22 hours and 10 minutes. The total steaming time was 39 days and 16 hours from Cape Henlopen. Th actual time consumed in the trip from Philadelphia was 43 days and 6 hours, which breaks the record. The best previous time from New York or vicinity was 45 days, made by the same company's steamer Alameda in 1883. The Sierra made over seventeen knots on her trial trip, and the best time made on the trip just ended was sixteen knots an hour for twenty-four hours, some days ago. The steamer has twin screws and triple-expansion engines. The e are 160 persons in the crew. The Sierra will sail on December 12th on he first trip to Sydney, via Honolulu, Prgo Pago and Auckland.-San Francisco